



## **Press Release**

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### **STATEMENT**

Head of the U.S. Presidential Delegation to the Inauguration of President Ollanta Humala, Daniel A. Restrepo, Special Assistant to President Obama and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the National Security Council, and U.S. Ambassador to Peru Rose M. Likins extend heartfelt congratulations to President Ollanta Humala, First Vice-President Marisol Espinoza, and Second Vice-President Omar Chehade on their inauguration today. Mr. Restrepo and Ambassador Likins also congratulate the members of the President's cabinet and the new Peruvian Congress.

The United States and Peru share a warm and friendly relationship that is reflected in close people-to-people and government-to-government ties. These bonds of friendship were evident at recent meetings in Washington between then-President-Elect Humala and President Barack Obama as well as with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The United States looks forward to advancing the close and respectful U.S.-Peru relationship and to working cooperatively to addressing our many shared interests including promoting social inclusion, reducing poverty, countering illegal narcotics, and strengthening democratic institutions. Today as Peru marks its Independence Day by celebrating the inauguration of President Humala and the Congress, the Peruvian people can rightly take pride in their vibrant democratic traditions.

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